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By the King.

A Proclamation touching the Importation of French Wines.

WHereas Wee haue been giuen to vnderſtand, by the humble complaint, aſwell of the Company of French Merchants, as of the Company of Vintners of London, that the quantities of French Wines already impoꝛted, and noẅ remaining in this Kingdome, are ſo great, as that vnleſſe the further Impoꝛtation of ſuch Wines bee foꝛ a conuenient time pꝛohibited, they ſhall not bee able foꝛ the ſuppoꝛt and maintenance of their Trade, to make ſale of thoſe Wines which doe noẅ lie vpon their hands; Wee, theꝛefoꝛe hauing taken this into Our Pꝛincely conſideration, as alſo the manifold inconueniences, which already haue, and doe dayly groẅe by the liberty taken by occaſion of the late diſturbance of Free Trade in France, to impoꝛt Wines in Foꝛreigne Bottomes, contrary to Our Lawes, by, and with the Aduice of the Lords, & others of Our Pꝛiuie Counſell, do hereby ſtrictly charge, pꝛohibite and command, that no perſon oꝛ perſons whatſoeuer, doe attempt, oꝛ pꝛeſume to bꝛing oꝛ impoꝛt into this Realme of England, oꝛ Dominion of Wales, oꝛ into any Poꝛt, Hauen, Creeke, oꝛ place theꝛeof, any Wines whatſoeuer of the groẅth of France, befoꝛe the firſt day of Febꝛuary noẅ next enſuing.

And further, by the like Aduice of Our Pꝛiuie Counſell, Wee doe hereby publiſh and declare Our Royal pleaſure to be, and do ſtrictly pꝛohibite and command, That no Wines whatſoeuer, ſhall hereafter bee impoꝛted into this Our Realme, oꝛ the Dominions theꝛeof, in any foꝛreigne Ship, Hoy, oꝛ other Veſſel whatſoeuer, contrary to the Lawes & Statutes of this Our Realme in that behalfe made and pꝛouided, but onely in Engliſh Bottomes, vpon ſuch paines and puniſhments, as by Our Lawes, oꝛ by Our Pꝛerogatiue Royall can, and may be inflicted vpon all ſuch perſons, who ſhall at any time hereafter pꝛeſume to offend herein, contrary to Our Lawes, and contrary to this Our pleaſure herein declared.

Neuertheleſſe, Our intent oꝛ meaning is not, but that the French Merchants, the naturall boꝛne Subiects of Our deare Bꝛother the French King, ſhall haue and enioy the like libertie of bꝛinging in aſwell the Wines of France, as other the naturall Commodities of that Kingdome, in any Ships oꝛ other Veſſels of their oẅne building, and appertaining vnto themſelues, as foꝛmerly they haue vſed and enioyed.

Giuen at Our Court at Nonſuch, the ſeuenth day of Iuly, in the Fift yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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